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C O N F I D E N T I A L DOHA 1469

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CIVS, US, QA

SUBJ: ISSUANCE OF A-2 VISAS TO ARABIAN PENINSULAR STUDENTS

REF: A. DOHA 1400; B. DOHA 1420; C. STATE 294704

1. DURING COURTESY VISIT BY EMBOFF TO ABDUL AZIZ BIN TURKI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TURKI RAISED SUBJECT OF A-2 VISAS FOR STUDENTS. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT POST HAD NO AUTHORITY TO ISSUE THESE. TURKI SAID THAT THIS MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO HIM SINCE QATARI STUDENTS IN U.S. WERE CAUSING HIM DIFFICULTIES BY ALLEGING THAT QATARI STUDENTS WERE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY USG. THE STUDENTS CLAIMED THAT THEIR KUWAIT AND SAUDI COUNTERPARTS WERE RECEIVING A-2 VISAS AND THAT ONLY QATARIS AMONG GULF STUDENTS WERE BEING ISSUED F-1 VISAS. TURKI ASKED WHY QATAR HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT. EMBOFF ASSURED HIM THAT DISCRIMINATION WAS NOT INTENDED AND TOLD HIM THAT UAE STUDENTS WERE NOT RECEIVING A-2 VISAS. EMBOFF FURTHER  
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EXPLAINED THAT THE ENTIRE MATTER WAS UNDER REVIEW AND A NEW

POLICY COULD BE EXPECTED. THIS, OF COURSE, DID NOT SATISFY HIM AS HE IS STILL LEFT WITH THE ACCUSATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HIS STUDENTS.

2. TURKI STILL PLANNING TO VISIT U.S. AND WILL PROBABLY BE IN WASHINGTON CIRCA JAN 9. HE SAID HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO MEET WITH THE CONCERNED AUTHORITIES THERE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM. AS EXPLAINED IN REF A, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL FOR ALL CONCERNED FOR TURKI TO MEET WITH DEPT OFFICIALS. WE WILL PROVIDE MORE PRECISE DETAILS AS SOON AS HIS TRAVEL PLANS FIRM UP. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO ALERT DEPT TO HIS IMPENDING VISIT TO PERMIT PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS.

3. FINALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO REF B BEFORE TURKI'S DEPARTURE TO U.S.  
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